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SUBJECT: SPARKS OF VIOLENCE CONTINUE TO SPUTTER IN KARACHI

REF: KARACHI 2491

1. ON THE AFTERNOON DECEMBER 3 THERE WAS REOCCURRENCE OF PREVIOUS WEEK'S DISTURBANCES IN NAZIMABAD, LIAQUATABAD AND DRIGH COLONY AREA OF KARACHI (REFTEL). IN COURSE OF THESE DISTURBANCES ONE BUS AND TWO MICRO-BUSES WERE BURNED, SEVERAL BRANCH BANK OFFICES STONED AND A BRANCH LIBRARY BURNED. BUS SERVICE IN SOME AREAS WAS INTERRUPTED AGAIN.

2. SIND CHIEF MINISTER ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT MONDAY ADMONISHING DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS THAT ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH AND POLICE ORDERS TO RESTORE LAW AND ORDER IN AFFECTED AREAS AS DEMANDED BY CITIZENRY. IN NAZIMABAD AREA 64 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES CLOSED INDEFINITELY AS WERE 15 LIKE INSTITUTIONS IN LIAQUATABAD

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AND 13 IN DRIGH COLONY AREA.

3. THROUGHOUT DAY TUESDAY NAZIMABAD AND LIAQUATABAD AREAS WERE QUIET WITH ONE BAND OF MISCHIEF MINDED STUDENTS NOTICED IN NAZIMABAD AREA. THERE SOME EXPECTATION AFTERNOON MAY SEE DISTURBANCES SIMILAR TO PRECEDING ONES, BUT NO REPORTS OF ANY MAJOR DISTURBANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS OF MID-AFTERNOON MOST AFFECTED AREAS.

4. COMMENT: SINCE DISTURBANCES HAVE INVOLVED VARIOUS TYPES OF DISCONTENTED--STUDENTS, BUS RIDERS, LOCAL MIDDLE CLASS TYPES FEEL EG ECONOMIC SQUEEZE, AND DISSATISFIED RIGHTISTS AND LEFTIST POLITICAL ELEMENTS--THEIR CAMPAIGN IS BASICALLY ONE OF HARRASSMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND UCAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO FELLOW CITIZENS MAY CONTINUE ON SPORADIC BASIS, BUT MAJOR TEST OF STRENLBH WITH ADMINISTRATION BY THESE DISPARATE GROUPS DOES NOT REPEAT
QT LOOM AS IMMEDIATE
DEVELOPMENT GROWING OUT RECENT DISTURBANCES. THE POCKETS OF DISCONTENT ARE THERE AND LIKELY TO REMAIN BUT CURRENTLY ARE MANAGEABLE BY THE REGIME.
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